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Buildings - Cheap type designs for Elementary Schools - Papers Recorded.

R.O.C.No.824-B/46.

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 7-4-1946.

From

Dr.S.R.U.Savvoor, M.A.,D.Sc.,I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction,Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department

Sir,

Sub: Elementary Education - Compulsion -Accommodation for schools - Rural areas.
Ref:. Govt.Memo.U.O.11106-B.2-46-2 dated 23-3-1946.

My suggestion to construct type design buildings to houuse Elementary Schools started or proposed to be started under the compulsory scheme, seems to have been not approved by Government on three presumptions, viz.

1. that construction of buildings will considerably add to the cost of the scheme of compulsion;
2. that it will delay the introduction of the scheme; and
3. that buildings are available for rent which can be made suitable at Government cost.

The above presumptions are incorrect with reference to the actual conditions previaling. As regards the cost of the scheme I made it clear in my letter C.No.824 B/46 dated 19-2-1946 that only the savings under compulsion and feeding schemes might be utilised for the proposed building scheme, Last year out of Rs.40 lakhs sanctioned for compulsion and feeding only about Rs.14 lakhs were spent. This year too there will be considerable savings because the extension of the compulsion scheme will be introduced only from July or so and the extension of the feeding scheme may take even longer time before it is fully introduced. Hnece there is no reason for Government to fear that the allotment under compulsion and feeding will be exceeded by launching on a building scheme.

2. As regards the second point on which the building scheme has not been favoured by Government, I have to point out that I have madeno proposal to Government to delay the introduction of the cheme because of lack of adcommodation. The schools will beopened either in rented buildings or in temporary sheds a was done last year. This does not mean that building schemes should not be started in centres where compulsion has begu or in centres which are going to be selected now or in he future.

3. The third and even more incorrect presumption is, that there are buildings available for rent which are or can be made suitable for school purposes. It is a well known fact that inthese days conditions are such that buildings are no available even for residential purposes. Even in the bigger localities where compulsion has been introduced the buildings for schools are quite unsuitable. That a large nuber of buildings were found quite unsuitable is proved by the fact that both for board schools and aided schools a very large number of temporary sheds had to be constructed a several thousands of rupees have been spent on such flimsy sheds which will not withstand the visititudes

were selected last year. This year smaller centres are going to be selected, and a year later even smaller centres will have to be selected. Conditions being as depicted above the Government's suggestion that rented buildings might be taken on lease is impracticable. Their further suggestion that they might be taken on long lease and that they might be suitably altered at Government cost is equally impracticable because the only way that they can be made suitable is by demolishin them totally and by putting up new buildings.

4. In the circumstances stated above, and in the interest of economy in the long run, I urge Government that the suggestions made in my letter C.No.824 B/46 dated 19-2-4 may be approved."

Education and Public

Memo.No.11106 B2/46-6 Education 2-7-1946.

Compulsory elementary education - school buildings - Type design.
Ref: Letter from the D.P.I., No. 824 B/46 dated 7-4-46.

In the circumstances explained by the Director of Public Instruction in the letter read above, the Government accept his suggestion that pucca buildings may be provided for elementary schools in areas in which elementary education has been made compulsory last year. The Director is requested to submit, in consultation with the Consulting Architect to Government, a simple type design for the approval of Government together with an estimate of cost. He should also report the number of school buildings that should be constructed at Government expense.

2. The Government however, consider, at the sametime that buildings need not be provided atheir expense in all areas. If P .D.Bs take sufficient interest in the matter of securing suitable buildings for elementary schools in compulsory areas, it should not be difficult for them to persuade prominent men in each village to put up buildings for the school in their respective locality. They can really construct buildings at less than half the amount which Government will have to invest. The Director is requested to enlist the good will and cooperation of P.D.Bs in the matter and also take this factor into account in estimating the no. of buildings to be constructed at Government cost.

Sd..20/6/46.

To
The Director of Public Instruction.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

From
Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A.(Oxon),
Director of Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government
Education and Public Health
Department,
Madras.

ROC.NO.3203/B2/46, dated 24th June,1948.

Sir,

Sub: Buildings - cheap type designs for elementary schools.
Ref: Govt.Memo.No.2822-48/10/P.W.D.dated 13th May, 1948.
Govt.Memo.No.1106/B2-48, dated 14th May,1948

The policy of the Government is to convert all elementary schools into Basic schools. The buildings fc these schools should conform to the requirements of basi education. One uniform type design is necessary for all basic schools. I have, therefore, addressed the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department to prepare revised plan and estimates for submission to Government in this office Roc.No.3203-B2/46, dated 20-4-48, and a copy of which is herewith submitted. He has been reminded to expedite the reply on 11-6-48. As soon as the revised plans and estimates are received from him, I shall submit them to Government with my remarks.

Sd...
FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Education and Public Health.

The final reply from the Chief Engineer (Public Works Department) thro' the Director of Public Instruction may be awaited till 30/7/1948.

Sd..30/6/48.

/True Copy/

COPY OF
R.c.No.3203/b2/46, dated 28th A pril 1948 of the Director to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General).

Sub: BUILDING DESIGNS - Elementary schools.
Ref: Your letter No.6064-Wks/46-9, dated 8-3-48. to the Secretary to Govt.PWD.

The policy of Government is to convert all the existing elementary schools into basic schools. Hence the building for these schools should conform to the requirements of basic education. In consider that only one uniform type design for all basic schools is necessary. The buildings should consist of separate of separate blocks each block to accommodate two class rooms of 25' x 18' each so that each room can accommodate max about 40 pupils and allow some space for craft equipment. It may be necessary to fix looms etc, in the class rooms. The reference to the number of classes or sections in each school, but a minimum of 3 blocks will be necessary for an average school with 5 classes. The building may have a verandha of 6 feet 3 inches, wide on one side as per your plan. At the two extremities of the verandah there should be two small rooms of about 8' x 8' each. This would mean a small projection

beyond the varandah. These rooms will be used as masters' room, office, museum, etc.

2. It will be noted that except for a slight change in design, the proposed plan is almost the same with regard to floor space and cubic space.

3. The average height of the class rooms may be as contained in sub-para (3) under elementary education of your letter referred to above. The rooms should be partitioned by a masonry wall so that the noise in a class room may not disturb the work of the other class room. It is enough if the roof is tiled wit Calicut tiles. The windows will have iron bars and the usual types of door frames and shutters.

4. I request you to be good enough to prepare a plan of the building and rough estimates so as to enable me to submit them to the Government along with your letter referred to above.

5. Since funds have been proved for the construction of Basic schools during 1948-49, it is urgent that the plan should be approved by the Government in time to get the works completed before March 1949. Therefore this reference may kindly be treated as very urgent.

Roc.No.4401-B3/46.

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.Dated 13-11-1948.

From

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government, Education & Public
Health Department, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Buildings - cheap designs for Elementary and secondary schools.
Ref: Government Memo.No.2822-C/42/14.dated 26/10/48.

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The type designs in respect of the Elementary schools revised according to the requirements of the Basic Education Scheme is being examined and will be submitted shortly.

Yours faithfully,

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Design of the Secondary School.

Attention is invited to G.O.No.2595, Education d/18-10-48.

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

/True Copy/

From the D.P.I. Roc.No.4401 B3/46 dated 13-11-1948.

Please see the letter from the Director of Public Instruction read above. The whole question of type designs for school buildings will be reviewed in the Public Works Department after the report of the Committeei s received. It is understood that there is a separate file on the subject in the Public Works Department. In the circumstances, it does not app ar that this file need be kept pending any longer. The papers may be recorded.

Sd..28-11-1948.

G.O.Ms.No.2998 Ms.Education.D/29-11-1948.

The papers may be Recorded.

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